

HJR 29 -- TOLL ROADS

Drafting Number: 3310L.01I

SPONSOR or CO-SPONSORS: Seigfreid

Chairman (for HCS):

Handler: Seigfreid

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" x "do pass by consent"

by the Committee on New Member Orientation (Wednesday) by a vote of 18 to 12 present:

Use Introduced Summary Verbatim:

This proposed constitutional amendment gives the Highways and Transportation Commission the authority to conduct feasibility studies about toll facilities and to fund, design, acquire, construct, maintain, reconstruct, and operate toll facilities.

The amendment establishes the procedure and limitations for the issuance, collection, and distribution of toll facility revenue bonds or revenue refunding bonds for toll facilities.

When toll facilities have been paid for, all bonds retired, and all transfers from the State Road Fund repaid with interest, the facilities will become a part of the state highway system.

State toll facility revenue bond and refunding bond proceeds, tolls, and other revenues derived from the establishment or operation of toll facilities will not be considered part of total state revenue and the expenditure of the revenues will not be considered an expense of state government.

Modify above as follows:

New summary as follows:

Emergency Clause: or Effective Date of:

HCA(s) -- none

FISCAL NOTE: Attached: x Not available:

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that Missouri is in a transportation crisis and does not have adequate funding for needed highway projects. Construction timetables for some projects could be accelerated by having users of these highways or bridges pay

tolls. This joint resolution would allow voters to decide if they want toll roads and bridges to be part of Missouri's highway system.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Seigfreid; and the Toll Roads Coalition.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that tolls will increase the cost of transportation, and constructing toll roads with limited access will hurt businesses that rely on highway traffic. Voters have stated clearly that they do not want new taxes or tolls until there is more accountability in government spending.

Testifying against the bill were Citizens Against Tolls.

Analyst: